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ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Species A, Fig. 1 for further
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on elected Species A, Figure 1, are
claims 1-24.

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Currently, the Examiner considers that claim 1 is generic.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth hereinabove.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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